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Appl. No. : 10/612,678 Confirmation No.: 3447  
Applicant : William Mar et al.  
Title : VITERBI DECODING DEVICE AND  
METHOD FOR PROCESSING MULTI-DATA  
INPUT INTO MULTI-DATA OUTPUT  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action of May 2, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time (one month) is submitted to extend the response deadline until September 2, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.